(a) to (c) Department of Information Technology has formulated a specific programme 'Vidya Vahini' for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan to integrate internet tools and computer aided techniques into the learning environment. To start with, a pilot project is being implemented in 7 districts, namely, Kuppam (Andhra Pradesh), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), South 24 Parganas (West Bengal), Parlivaijnath (Maharashtra), Lucknow and Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh). The equipments have been installed in all the selected schools at Lucknow, Allahabad, Kuppam, Gandhinagar and South 24 Parganas. Equipments have been installed in 15 schools in Parlivaijnath and in 10 schools in Hazaribagh.

Telephone connections in Rajasthan

†939. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections in Rajasthan and whether waiting list still exists in some districts of the State and if so, the names of such districts alongwith the number of the pending applications and by when these are likely to be cleared;

(b) by when 'telephones on demand' would be made available in the rural areas in the State and the reasons for not being it possible so far; and

(c) the year upto which telephone directory has been issued in Jaipur as well as in other districts and by when the current years' directory would be made available?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) As per available information M/s Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) has1 provided 17.40 lakh telephone connections by 31.1.2003 and has a waiting list of 144172 (district-wise break up given in Statement-I (*See* below), which it plans to clear by March, 2004 subject to availability of certain reliefs/resources in unremunerative far-flung rural areas where telephone on demand could not be made available so far due to non-availability of funds. M/s Shyam Telelink Ltd., the private operator has reported provision of 70443 telephone connections by 20th February, 2003 in Rajasthan and has no waiting list with availability of telephone on demand in cities where its services are operational.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The requisite information regarding telecom district-wise publication of telephone directory has been reported as per details given in Statement-I.

Statement I

District-wise details of waiting list in Rajasthan as on 31.12.2003

Sl. No	Name of District	Waiting List
1.	Ajmer	4407
2.	Alwar	12661
3.	Banswara	1632
4.	Dungarpur	3010
5.	Barmer	5081
6.	Bharatpur	5390
7.	Dholpur	1822
8.	Bhilwara	3409
9.	Bikaner	1634
10.	Bundi	777
11.	Chittorgarh	5427
12.	Churu	3592
13.	Jaisalmer	261
14.	Dausa	3101
15.	Jaipur	10567
16.	Jhalawar	1286
17.	Jhunjhunu	11189
18.	Jodhpur	7215
19.	Kota	1877
20.	Baran	1403
21.	Nagaur	8789
22.	Pali	5949
23.	Sawai Madhopur	1590
24.	Karauli	1969
25.	Sikar	14923
26.	Sirohi	3153
27.	Jalore	5181
28.	Sriganganagar	2502
29.	Hanumangarh	2679
30.	Tonk	1728
31.	Udaipur	7518
32.	Rajasamand	2450
	TOTAL	**144172**

Statement II

Telecom district-wise details of telephone directories in Rajasthan

Sl. No.	Name of District	Date of Print of Current Directory	Corrected upto	Expected Date of New issue
1.	Ajmer	Feb., 2001	Oct., 2000	30.06.2003
2.	Alwar	Jan., 2002	Feb., 2001	30.06.2003
3.	Banswara	March, 2001	Dec., 2000	31.07.2003
4.	Barmer	Sept., 2001	Sept., 2000	30.09.2003
5.	Barmer	Feb., 2002	Sept., 2001	30.06.2003
6.	Bhilwara	Jan., 2002	Sept., 2001	30.06.2003
7.	Bikaner	March, 2002	Aug., 2001	30.06.2003
8.	Bundi	March, 2000	Jan., 2000	31.03.2003
9.	Chittorgarh	May, 2001	Feb., 2001	30.06.2003
10.	Churu	Feb., 2002	June, 2001	30.06.2003
11.	Jaisalmer	Nov., 2000	Oct., 2000	30.06.2003
12.	Jaipur	Oct., 2001	May, 2001	31.03.2003
13.	Jhalawar	Jan., 2001	Sept., 2000	31.03.2003
14.	Jhunjhunu	Feb., 2001	Dec., 2000	30.06.2003
15.	Jodhpur	Dec., 2002	July, 2002	30.06.2004
16.	Kota	Jan., 2002	Jan., 1999	30.06.2003
17.	Nagaur	June, 2001	June, 2000	30.06.2003
18.	Pali	June, 2000	March, 2000	30.06.2003
19.	Sawai Madhopur	Jan., 2002	Nov., 1999	30.06.2003
20.	Sikar	March, 2000	March, 1999	30.06.2003
21.	Sirohi	Dec., 1999	Nov., 1998	30.04.2003
22.	Sriganganagar	Jan., 2000	Nov., 1999	30.06.2003
23.	Tonk	March, 2000	Oct., 1999	31.12.2003
24.	Udaipur	March, 1999	Sept., 1998	31.03.2003

Exodus of computer professionals

940. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over 80,000 skilled computer professionals have been leaving India every year for the last three years;